



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, AREA II SUPPORT ACTIVITY
UNIT #15333
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

IMKO-AB-PL-LO

15 July 2005

AREA II COMMAND POLICY # 5-11

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Noise Control

1. Purpose. To establish standards for noise control within the Support Activity Area II area of responsibility.
2. Applicability. Applies to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. Government and their family members regardless of the location of their living quarters within the Support Activity and Area II.
3. Policy. The intent of this policy is to promote harmony in our communities and living areas. All individuals within the Support Activity and Area II's area of responsibility have the right to expect peace and quiet. Accordingly, acts of excessive noise will not be tolerated.
4. Procedures.
 - a. During quiet hours, with the exception of emergency repairs, no construction will occur, either from contractors or an in-house work force.
 - b. During quiet hours, sound from people and equipment (stereos, TVs, portable sound systems) will not be so loud that the noise can be heard in adjacent rooms, quarters or buildings.
 - c. Quiet hours are:

2200 – 0700 Sunday through Thursday

2300 – 0700 Friday, Saturday, and evenings prior to holidays
 - d. Within any buildings where persons live, most noises can be tolerated during normal hours (0700 – 2200), however, at no time will sound equipment be turned up loud enough to disturb anyone in adjacent rooms, quarters or building. Portable sound systems will not be carried in public by military members, civilian personnel, or their family members while broadcasting externally. Additionally, car stereo systems will not be operated where anyone outside the car is disturbed by the noise.
 - e. Sound equipment will not be played outdoors in public on post, unless approved by the Commander, Area II Support Activity.

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f. Unit movements: While moves themselves create a great deal of noise, there are certain measures commanders may take to hold the noise down to a bearable level, especially when executing a unit movement during quiet hours. A maximum speed of 15 miles per hour for all vehicles moving through residential areas will be strictly enforced by the chain of command at all times. Vehicles will not be idled for prolonged periods of time. Times and routes for all movements will be established to minimize noise and disruption.

g. Physical Training: Cadence calling during PT is an essential ingredient in building and maintaining unit esprit. Cadence will not, however, be called in or adjacent to housing areas. Vulgar or offensive cadence calls will not be used at any time.

h. Community Clubs:

(1) Noise from clubs: At 2200 hours, club managers will take measures to lower the sound level emanating from their establishments. Closing windows and turning down music volume are standard procedures. As a general rule, if the music from inside the club can be heard in the establishment's parking lot, it is too loud.

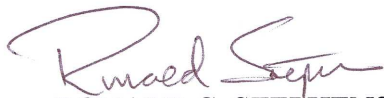
(2) Noise from patrons: Club managers will take the necessary practical and legal measures to ensure that loud and boisterous behavior is not engaged in by patrons departing their establishments.

i.. Recommendations to reduce noise in living quarters:

(1) Carpet those areas that are most heavily used to absorb noise.

(2) Check with neighbors to set volume levels on sound equipment to determine a tolerable range.

(3) Make complaints against violators to area, building and floor Coordinators / community mayors, and as a final resort, to the Military Police.


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